In 2002 Tracy Hile created the NDSC Book Project as a way to give books to the schools and libraries in the NDSC Convention host city. Tracy’s work has placed more than 2200 books into schools and homes throughout the United States.

Her work has helped a countless number of children and adults to see that individuals with Down Syndrome are more alike than different. We wish to applaud and honor the work that Tracy and her committee have done over the past 20 years.

We hope that our work will continue to educate the public and allow those who read about individuals with Down Syndrome to realize “we are more alike than different”.

The NDSC decided to restyle the annual book project for 2023 by having a bibliography created that will allow participants to select books for personal use or for their school or public library.

Two lists of books have been created. The first list features books reviewed by standards created by the American Library Association (ALA). The second list features books which have not yet been reviewed using standards developed by ALA.

We hope they help you in your reading selections and in outreach to both school and public libraries.
Below is a list of children’s and young adult titles published between 2013-2023 that have individuals with Down syndrome as a character. These books have been reviewed by sources which use standards established by the American Library Association. Each reviewing source is noted in italics along with the bibliographic information.


LANGE, ERIN JADE.  *Dead Ends*.  Bloomsbury, USA Children’s.  2013. Grades 10-12. *School Library Journal; Publisher’s Weekly; Booklist; Kirkus Reviews*. Available - Amazon $6.40; Barnes & Noble $7.49 (eBook)


PERRY, MARY HAAKENSON.  *Mystery on Cheechako Island*.  Wizard Works, Homer, Alaska.  2016. Grades 4-up. Available - Amazon $4.99 (Kindle); Barnes & Noble $4.99 (eBook)


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DEWITT, KELLY WALLIS. *Chad’s Surprise Balloon Ride*. Chad’s Children’s Books. 2019. Grades 3-5. Available - Amazon $12.00


